

PA Suskie Bassmasters
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 11-11-2015 Pizza Bella , Dallas

BOD Attendance: Chuck Saypack, Ed Mrochko, Rob Rosencrans, Jim Lacomis, Chris Ostrowski, Kenny Phillips

Call to Order: Ed opened the meeting at 7:05.

Quorum: A quorum was established as 6 of 7 board members were present.

Guests: None

Prior Minutes: Ed asked for a motion to approve the prior minutes. John Centak first, Rob Rosencrans second, motion to accept minutes passed.

Treasurers Report: Chris Ostrowski reported that he club ended 2015 with \$1706.00 in the account. This puts us in a very good position going in to 2016 to support club sponsored activities towards our mission statement.

Ed Then asked the membership if there were any outstanding issues from 2015 that could be improved upon for 2016. The first issue brought up was that of boats coming in late to weigh-in as some witnessed in 2015. With the activities and preparations of weigh-in, the BOD stated that it is not always possible for us to witness this firsthand so we asked for the clubs support in getting another witness to the action, whether that is a BOD member or another club member and then bring it to the BOD attention that night. We would keep the information confidential and address it that night. If the information does not come out immediately, there is nothing we can do after the tournament ends.

Related to that discussion was a discussion on breakdowns. The BOD proposes a change for 2016 where the person breaking down and missing the 9PM weigh-in time will be disqualified. Any Samaritans who render aid which also causes them to be late, would be allowed to weigh-in. The point of the above 2 discussions was that in 2016, we will propose that late for any reason is disqualification for that night.

There were some questions on the no wake zone which were clarified by the BOD. Boats must be off plane before coming through Market street when coming up river and when coming down river boats must be off plane by the beginning of the white riverfront wall on the W/B side.

An idea for 2016 was to change the Dead fish policy to a 1# penalty in place of a disqualification. Some argued that this is a better solution from a conservation standpoint. Discussion will be continued at next meeting.

BOD emphasized that there is no culling at weigh-in on Wednesdays. Anyone found to have additional fish in the livewell beyond the fish they are weighing in, is subject to disqualification.

Tony Glzenski asked about bringing extra gas on boats. There was much discussion however some confusion on what the USCG rule is. BOD will bring USCG documentation to the next meeting to clarify.

We had a brief poll on trophies or plaques for next year. Trophies seemed to lead the majority of those present. We will continue that discussion at the next meeting.

Kayakers, day passes, and insurance were discussed in general. BOD will try to clarify our insurance coverage for the next meeting so we can begin to address the issues/concerns that some members have with these related topics.

Ed stated that we will look to participate in Riverfest next year as well as the Great American Cleanup. Volunteers will be needed and more information will become available as the year progresses. An inquiry was made relative to cleaning up the house on the island near Knox. BOD stated that the island is essentially private property and unfortunately we cannot take it upon ourselves to remedy that situation.

Ed mentioned that we are in the preliminary stages of a grant application to obtain solar LED lighting for the launch parking area. Rob, Frank, Ed and Chris have been reviewing requirements, obtaining quotes, etc, towards that goal. We would need letters of support for this project from the mayor of W/B and other agencies related to the project. It is a lengthy and complicated process but we are committed to continue to move forward towards that goal. If there are any members with knowledge, skills, or relationships that could aid in this process, please contact any member of the Board to discuss.

BOD will schedule the next meeting for some time in January of 2016 to continue these discussions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM